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DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT  
ON A VESSEL NECK

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Official Action Paper No. 8 dated November 5, 2003.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a  
Deposit Account if required.